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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
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FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)  
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RE [REDACTED] (LOOKALIKE)

Enclosed herewith for the Laboratory are registration cards for the Candlelight Inn, 4801 Airline Highway, Metairie, La., numbers 8267, 8486, 8584, 8824, 8925, 9370, 9471, 9679, 9746, and 9800. Also enclosed for the Laboratory is a registration card, number 6834, from the Chalmette Hotel, 808 Carondelet Street.

The following information was developed based on a report of a lookalike following publication of photograph of JAMES. [REDACTED], white male, resided [REDACTED] New Orleans, La., from 4/1 through 4/17/68, but maid states he was absent from his room most of the time.

[REDACTED] was employed [REDACTED] from 3/24 until 4/13/68, with absences on 4/4 and possibly on other dates. [REDACTED] furnished background information to [REDACTED] which included a California drivers license and a list of all schools which he attended in California along with his mother's address in Los Angeles, California.

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[redacted] placed a second lock on his room and permitted no one access to this room while he was absent. [redacted] had a large quantity of clothing and luggage and on one occasion the maid saw a large quantity of currency in a pack in the bed that contained a \$100 bill on the top.

During a search of [redacted] room a key to the Candlelight Inn, 4801 Airline Highway, Metairie, La., was found. This key was for Room 219. A map was also found in this room that bore several cryptic notations.

The Los Angeles Division has advised the New Orleans Division telephonically that all background information furnished by [redacted] at [redacted] has been checked and has proved to be false. The records of the Candlelight Inn Motel were checked and registration cards for Room 219 were obtained for all individuals not known to be regular customers at this motel. Further investigation in New Orleans disclosed that [redacted] stayed at the Chalmette Hotel, 808 Carondelet Street, New Orleans, La., from 3/22 - 3/23/68.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the handwriting on all of the enclosed registration cards with the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, and WALTER TERRY RIFE, [redacted]

The Laboratory is also requested to attempt to determine through handwriting analysis if the individual registering as [redacted] at the Chalmette Hotel signed any of the enclosed registration cards from the Candlelight Inn Motel.

All enclosed registration cards are also to be checked for any latent fingerprints of value which might be found. It is known that these registration cards have been handled by numerous individuals acting within the scope of their employment at their respective hotel or motel.

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For the information of the laboratory, the known handwriting of the individual using the name [REDACTED] appears on the top half of the registration slip from the Chalmette Hotel and all writing on the bottom half and reverse side of this card was written by the night clerk at this hotel.